(c) Not applicable.

Survey by Indian Association for Advancement of Science

2815. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in Hindustan Times dated 3rd November, 1992 under the caption "Rural India malnourished" in respect of the survey conducted by an Indian Asspication for Advancement of Science; and

(c) if so, what measures Government are taking to provide nutritious food for the persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export of Spece Technology

2816. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to export India's space technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c.) whether Government have explored any foreign markets for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) the Department of Space has considered the possibilities of export of space products and services to a number of international space organisations and companies. In this context, certain preliminary discussions have been initiated with some foreign industries. Some of these industries and space agencies have been invited to visit India for further discussions.

Relaxation By U. *S.* A. on Transfer of Technology

2817. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U. S. A. have relaxed its total embargo on the transfer of technology to the Indian Space Research Organisation (I.S.R.O.) and

(b) if so. what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has not sought any technology transfer from U.S.A. The U. S. embargo, imposed on ISRO in May 1992 for a period of two years, is with respect to components and systems for space programmes. This embargo is still in operation. The Government of India has taken up the matter with the U.S. Government to get the embargo lifted.